

surviving the bloodbath raging around them, but also for the sake of our shared humanity.

And clearly, the Assyrian culture and religion survive within all of those who, over the centuries, fled the region and made new lives in strange lands, including right here in the United States and in Massachusetts. And what a wealth of history, culture, and religion they have brought to us, enriching our communities and our public life.

Part of that history is St. Mary's Assyrian Apostolic Church which was built on Hawley Street in Worcester in 1924. I have read that it was built by about 30 Assyrian families who came to Massachusetts from southern Turkey. They were joined in later decades by Assyrians from Turkey, Lebanon, and Syria, and more recently, from Iraq. I knew that church. It was a wonderful place. But a couple of years ago, it moved to its new home in Shrewsbury, which luckily, is also part of my congressional district.

And like the Assyrian American Association of Massachusetts Cultural Center in North Grafton, it is a place of community and a place of defiance, of resistance, in the best meaning of those words—a place where culture and religion and human potential are valued, remembered, renewed, and strengthened.

So, while I rise to commemorate the tragedy of the past and to honor its enduring memory, I also celebrate the strength of the Assyrian-American community and the hopes of their future, and their children's futures.

In 2015, the Assyrian-American community of Massachusetts dedicated a monument called "Hope." Hope gives us life, gives us purpose, and a reason to look forward to tomorrow.

For centuries, Assyrians have survived persecution and some of the greatest evils known to humankind. But far from being exterminated, the Assyrian people—their religion and their culture—continue to survive and thrive.

HONORING PASTOR CHAD D. BRYANT

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 6, 2021

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated community leader, an outstanding Man of God, and a dear friend of longstanding, Pastor Chad D. Bryant who is retiring and celebrating his 40th anniversary as the distinguished pastor of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia. An anniversary worship service will be held on Sunday, August 8, 2021 at 3 p.m. at the church located at 3601 Yeomans Street in Columbus, Georgia.

A native son of Columbus, Georgia, Pastor Chad D. Bryant was born to the late William Bryant, Sr. and Mattie Bryant. Pastor Bryant began his Christian journey after accepting Jesus at the age of 8. At the age of 16, he confessed a calling to the preaching ministry and by 18, he was ordained—all of which happened under the tutelage of the late Reverend C.C. Cloud of New Providence Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia. Pastor Bryant received his grade school education in the public

schools of Columbus, Georgia before graduating from Spencer High School in 1974. He then went on to attend Morris Brown College, where he studied Sociology with an emphasis in Psychology. He also received a certificate in Church Administration and the Old and New Testaments from the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Columbus, Georgia.

In addition to being the beloved pastor of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church and a founding active member of the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc., he has also served as Assistant Pastor of Galilee Baptist Church; Associate Minister of Greater Beallwood and New Providence Baptist Churches in Columbus Georgia; a former instructor of the American Baptist College Extension Center; Assistant Director-General and Director-General for the Congress of Christian Education; and President and Dean of the Fourth District Congress of Christian Education under the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc.

George Washington Carver once said, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Pastor Bryant has gone far in life because his everlasting faith in the Lord is a vivid testimony of His greatness to all whom he encounters. His love and commitment to Christ are reflected in his compassionate and considerate leadership, which makes him a guiding light within the community. He is a humble man who always puts himself in the shoes of others. It has been said that, "The true person of success is not the person that climbs the ladder of this life with one hand, but climbs the ladder of this life with two hands and reaches back with the other." Pastor Bryant has always climbed the ladder of life with an eye towards helping others to reach their full potential, both spiritually and socially.

On a personal level, Pastor Bryant has been a friend and supporter for many, many years, and his friendship, advice, and counsel have always been valued by me. I am grateful and honored to be able to call him my friend.

Today I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the congregation of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, and the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in honoring and commending Pastor Chad D. Bryant on his outstanding career and upon the occasion of his retirement. We wish him well as he begins a new chapter in his life.

AMENDMENT TO DIVISION E OF
H.R. 4502

HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 6, 2021

Mr. MCKINLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of my amendment to Division E of H.R. 4502, which provides funding for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, for fiscal year 2022. The purpose of this amendment is to highlight the need for additional financial resources for our rural water systems to address lead in drinking water.

It was recently reported that the drinking water at three locations in Clarksburg, West

Virginia, contained lead levels above 15 parts per billion, which is EPA's action level for lead contamination. The Clarksburg Water Board, CWB has done everything in its power to address the issue at hand, yet they are still constrained and need assistance to address this issue. The \$8,804,000 this amendment subtracts and adds back to the funding level for capitalization grants under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund is the total amount the CWB would need to replace their water lines and improve their drinking water distribution system. By highlighting this needed funding, Congress will ensure that our rural water systems are given the assistance they deserve.

FLATIRONS DANCE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 6, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Flatirons Dance as the 2020 Business of the Year by the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

Flatirons Dance was founded in 2016 by Jessica Fitzgerald. As director of the studio, she worked to create a studio based on family values and her classes highlight the importance of teamwork, collaboration, and positive group interaction. Additionally, classes provide a high-quality dance instruction by teaching the history, vocabulary, technique, and cultural context behind dance. Classes help students in their day-to-day life by providing structured and supportive interactions, practice problem solving, and experience building academic and artistic skills.

Flatirons' more than 20 professionally trained staff members work to make a nurturing, inclusive and welcoming environment for all of their students. Today, Flatirons offers both adult and children's classes and serves more than 400 students each year. Students have the opportunity to study many styles of dance including jazz, ballet, tap, hip hop, and musical theatre. For students looking for a larger commitment, Flatirons offers a competition team and a cheer program. Each student has the opportunity to showcase what they have learned in a presentation to peers, teachers, families, and the community each session.

I applaud Flatirons Dance for their work to make a difference in the lives of their students every day and their commitment to our community. Congratulations on being awarded Business of the Year by the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

HONORING THE WICHITA BREWING
COMPANY'S 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 6, 2021

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 10th anniversary of the Wichita Brewing Company (WBC). Over the past decade, owners Jeremy Horn and Greg Gifford have built the brewery up from one location to

a community icon serving over 17 different flavors of handcrafted beer at multiple locations here in Wichita.

From humble beginnings, Jeremy and Greg have built WBC into a Kansas brand with two brew-pub locations, a wholesale production facility, and a 9,000 square-foot event venue. These locations provide Kansans of all walks of life a place to sit down and enjoy a pizza and a beer alongside their family, friends, and neighbors. Beyond its local reach, WBC has been recognized by The Brewers Association as one of the country's 50 fastest growing breweries, with deliveries to bars and liquor stores in Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Oklahoma, Wyoming. WBC also took home a silver medal for one of its beers at the 2017 Great American Beer Festival, considered to be the Academy Awards of the craft beer industry, the most significant, most competitive, and most respected contest.

More importantly, Jeremy, Greg, and the entire Wichita Brewing Family continue to give back to their community through the charitable events and fundraisers that they sponsor and host. For the past 5 years, WBC has organized a marathon through Wichita that has raised thousands of dollars for the Kansas Food Bank. Further, during the COVID-19 pandemic, WBC has made and provided no-cost hand sanitizer to first responders, law enforcement, and the Wichita Public Schools.

Madam Speaker, I hope you will join me in honoring WBC on their 10th anniversary and wishing them further success.

HONORING CAPTAIN LAURA
HEGGINS FOR 29 YEARS OF
SERVICE TO CABARRUS COUNTY

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 6, 2021

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Laura Heggins for 29 years of service to Cabarrus County, located in North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District.

Captain Heggins began her career in law enforcement with the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office in 1992 and retires today as Captain of the Administrative Support Services Division, where she oversaw all operations related to School Recourse Officers, Records, Civil Process and Training and Recruitment.

Captain Heggins has led a career of distinction and is a strong and effective leader. She became the first African American and the first woman to rise to the rank of Captain with the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office, paving the way for and inspiring others. During her tenure with Cabarrus County, she supervised the daily operations and personnel of the Courthouse Security and Bailiff Division, led all courthouse safety operations, managed the recruitment and hiring of all personnel for the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office, served as the Team Leader of the Crisis/Hostage Negotiator Team, and was instrumental in the development and oversight of the College Intern Program. In addition to her work with Cabarrus County, she also serves as a member of the Cabarrus County Mental Health Task Force, works with homeless populations through Main Street Mission, teaches a Detention Officers Certification Course and is an active member of Oak Grove Baptist Church.

Renee and I would like to extend our most heartfelt appreciation to Captain Heggins for her years of exemplary service to Cabarrus County, which is a better place today due to her work. I know I speak for our entire community in wishing her and her family continued success and happiness as they move on to their next great adventure.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Captain Laura Heggins for 29 years of service to Cabarrus County.

HONORING MR. DALE NASH UPON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 6, 2021

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the career of Mr. Dale K. Nash, who is retiring on August 1 after serving as CEO and Executive Director of the Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority, or "Virginia Space," since 2012.

During Mr. Nash's tenure as CEO, Virginia Space, which owns and operates the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport, MARS, at Wallops Island, Virginia, has grown to include a state-of-the-art payload processing facility and a purpose-built UAS runway. Under Nash, Virginia Space has also produced three launch pads that support cargo resupply missions to the International Space Station and Lunar science missions for NASA, as well as national security payload processing and launch services for the Department of Defense. Most recently, Mr. Nash was instrumental in attracting Rocket Lab USA to base its U.S. operations from MARS, which will accelerate the expansion and promotion of the commercial and government aerospace industry in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Mr. Nash's time at the helm of Virginia Space is the culmination of a 38-year-long career in the space industry that includes other prominent positions. Prior to his role with Virginia Space, Mr. Nash served as CEO of Alaska Aerospace and its Kodiak Launch Complex. He also held senior management positions on the Space Shuttle program and Orion program development with the United Space Alliance, Lockheed and Thiokol Corp.

I hope my colleagues will join me in celebrating Mr. Nash upon the culmination of his impactful career. I am thankful for his dedication and service to our country's space program, and I wish him and his family the best of luck and much happiness in retirement.

MICHAEL MCCARRON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 6, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael McCarron for being awarded by the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

In 1999, Michael purchased Lakeside Insurance and quickly made a name for himself in the community and the industry. He was named Insurance Person of the Year in 2016.

In addition to running Lakeside Insurance, Michael volunteers on various boards including the Arvada Chamber of Commerce, Arvada Citizens Police Academy, CU Denver College of Business Development Committee, Denver Sevens Rugby Tournament, FBI Citizens Academy Alumni, Real Colorado Soccer, and West Point Metro District.

Michael has been a rock in the Arvada Chamber of Commerce for more than ten years, and most recently ended his tenure on the Chamber's Board of Directors where he served as chair and helped lead the Chamber's advocacy efforts. He is a leader in the Arvada community and a trusted voice encouraging and leading its thriving business community.

Michael and his wife have three kids, and he enjoys coaching their soccer and hockey teams. In his free time—he loves to spend time with his family, hunt, travel and hang out at his cabin in Grand Lake. I thank Michael McCarron for his hard work and dedication to our community and congratulate him on being awarded by the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

RECOGNIZING DAVID AND AMY
SNYDER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 6, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize David and Amy Snyder for being named 2019 Historians of the Year by the Bedford County Historical Society.

Throughout 2018, David and Amy Snyder worked diligently to preserve and protect the history and heritage of Bedford County through the renovation of the Loy Mansion.

The Snyder family first began their research project into the property's history in 2017, and their extensive diligence in researching the history of the mansion has led to a better understanding of the Loy Family, for whom the Village of Loy is named.

David and Amy Snyder's research into the history of the Loy Mansion has contributed to preserving the story of Bedford County for generations to come. I am grateful for their painstaking work to research our history and make that information accessible to the Bedford County Historical Society and our community's schools.

On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, I congratulate them on their achievement and wish them continued success as they work to preserve the history of Bedford County.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF LAURIE
FLAHERTY ON HER RETIREMENT
FROM FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 6, 2021

MS. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Laurie Flaherty and her extraordinary work as the Coordinator of the National 911